

Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee (D4 BAC)

Meeting Summary

October 17, 2012

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

111 Grand Ave, Oakland, Room 230, 15th Floor

Members Present (incl. teleconference attendees):

Paul Goldstein, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (Santa Clara County), D4 BAC Chair
Rick Marshall, Napa County Public Works Department, D4 BAC Vice Chair
Robert Cronin, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (San Mateo County)
Michelle DeRobertis, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Leo DuBose, East Bay Bicycle Coalition (Alameda County)
Alan Forkosh, CA Association of Bicycling Organizations
Bert Hill, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Carol Levine, Oakland Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Bay Area Bicycle Coalition
Bruce “Ole” Ohlson, East Bay Bicycle Coalition (Contra Costa County), Delta Pedalers
Rochelle Wheeler, Alameda County Transportation Commission

Non-Members Present (incl. teleconference attendees):

Beth Thomas, Caltrans D4 Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator
Anh Nguyen, Caltrans D4 Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordination Branch
Sergio Ruiz, Caltrans D4 Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordination Branch
Aprile Smith, Caltrans D4 Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordination Branch
Jean Finney, Caltrans D4, Office of Transit & Community Planning Chief
Fred Booshehri, Caltrans D4 Resident Engineer, South Bay Construction
Jay Haghparast, Caltrans District 6 Project Manager (brokered projects with District 4)
Kelly Lier, Caltrans Headquarters System Planning
Tim Craggs, Caltrans Headquarters Acting Division of Design Chief
John Langbein, San Mateo County resident

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Orders of the Day

3. Approval of July 18, 2012 Meeting Summary

The summary was approved with one edit, which is the addition of the word “document” at the end of the sentence, “Michelle DeRobertis can send additional comments to Gordon for future consideration as the HDM is supposed to be a living document” under #4.

4. Discussion and Comment on Provision for Bicyclists at Construction Project on Woodside Road between Redwood City and I-280 – Fred Booshehri, Caltrans D4 Resident Engineer and Jay Haghparast, Caltrans District 6 Project Manager

The BAC learned about the Traffic Handling Plan for the project and the modification that was made to provide more room in the shoulder for bicyclists (moving the K-rail back by 2 feet to provide 4 feet). Mr. Langbein participated by phone and described his concerns. The BAC passed the attached motions.

5. Presentation on Bicycle Transportation Provisions in the New Caltrans Transportation Concept Report Guidance – Kelly Lier, Caltrans Headquarters Office of System Planning

Kelly led the BAC through the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Facility Sections of the adopted Caltrans Transportation Concept Report (TCR) Guidelines. The BAC commented that identifying the type of bicycle facility should be required in the data table whenever the facility type changes within the segment being evaluated. The group also commented that the identification of the facility type should reference local plans.

Kelly also showed the BAC the corresponding sections of a sample draft TCR for State Route 128. The BAC commented that TCRs should not state that local plans and studies “should be considered”, but rather that they “should be referenced and implemented as feasible”.

6. Update on Assembly Bill 819 and Caltrans Implementation – Tim Craggs, Caltrans Headquarters Division of Design

Tim described the plans in progress for implementing Assembly Bill (AB) 819. Caltrans has until the end of June to finalize the implementation plan. As of the meeting date, the plan in progress was to form a committee of external advisors for recommending approval of experimental bikeways on local streets. Experimental bikeway proposals for State Routes would continue to go through the Caltrans internal process for approval, called the Construction Evaluated Program for Experimental Features.

7. Updates on Policies/Guidance/Issues Previously Presented – Beth Thomas, Caltrans District 4 Pedestrian & Bicycle Coordinator

Beth gave a brief update indicating that the California Traffic Control Devices Committee reviewed all of the pending comments on Part 9 (concerning bicycle facilities) at their meeting in August 2012. She would try to find out the disposition of the comments for the January D4 BAC meeting.

8. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

9. Topics for Next Meeting, Announcements and Information Sharing

No comments were made.